

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

A substitute specification is provided herewith to facilitate prosecution of the application. Additionally, a marked reproduction of the original specification, showing changes effected in the substitute specification, is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute for corresponding pending claims the claims as shown rewritten below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached hereto having marked versions of said claims with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

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3. (Amended) Method according to Claim 15 in which before the beginning of the respiratory and fermentation processes, the volume of air inside the cover is minimized.

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4. (Amended) Method according to Claim 15 in which a rigid or flexible envelope is used as cover, whereby the space inside the cover is sealed air-tightly and light-tightly, from the environment.